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Friends:

Nineteen seventy was a year of accomplishment, as well as one of enormous losses to forest fire, in the National Forests of California. It was even more a year marked by challenge and change. This year's report deals with that challenge and change.

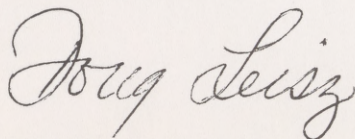
How we as American people, and also as your agents acting in the name of the U. S. Forest Service, respond to these challenges will have a great influence on American life in the future. It involves developing ever more sensitive use, management, and protection of our environment. Moreover, how we direct change, and how we respond to changes in the desires of the many "publics" which make up our total society, will have far reaching effects.

We in the Forest Service need your counsel and your assistance. Our understanding of your wishes comes through Acts of Congress, executive direction, appropriations and budget authorizations, and limitations, and also through limitless communications with many of you. Personal contacts, letters, editorials and mass media reports, meetings with groups, contacts with your elected representatives from local to national level—all give us a "reading" of your feelings.

If we are *not* reading you right, then we want to know.

In any event, we hope you can and will help us toward the goals you regard as being important after you have reviewed this "PERSPECTIVE — THE 1970's," which summarizes our understanding of your direction to us today.

Sincerely yours,



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